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Isaiah 32:20.

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Christian Character is not mere moral or legal correctness, but the possession of nine graces: love, joy, peace — character as an inward state; longsuffering, gentleness, goodness—character in expression toward men; faith, meekness, temperance — character in expression toward God. Taken together they present a moral portrait of Christ, and may be taken as the apostle's explanation of Gal. 2:20, "Not I but Christ," and as a definition of "fruit" in John 15:1-8. This character is possible because of the believer's vital union to Christ (John 15:5; 1 Cor. 12:12, 13), and is wholly the fruit of the Spirit in those believers who are yielded to Him (Gal. 5:22, 23).

(There are many notes equally as helpful as this to be found in the **Scofield Reference Edition** of the **Holy Bible.**)

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A VISIT WITH OUR FRIENDS:

Dear Friends:

This is the opportunity to send you a greeting and to thank you for your continued faithfulness and help in speading God's Word and offering salvation freely to those still in the dark. With about all of the world at war there is confusion and worse happening to the Missionaries the same as to some of our loved ones. May I say again that *Prayer* is the best remedy, and that only He has not only perfect knowledge of our troubles, but the power to heal all things.

Several of our Missionaries have written saying that they have found it difficult to meet expenses and continue their labors on the funds we are able to send them. We realize that during these troublesome days and the heavy burdens and trials laid on many, Missionary labors may be practically forgotten, but we must be faithful to our Missionaries! They are still servants of the Lord, faithful to Him. The cost of living has been increased with them, as with us, so there is a call for prayer stronger than some of us have yet felt. Nearly a quarter of a century of the labors of the *American-European Fellowship* must be made to continue! We are not going to sacrifice the Lord's work at this point!

Jesus Himself once told His disciples: "Freely ye have received; freely give." He would know whether the same words apply to you. I beg that you will not neglect the work of the Lord in foreign lands. If you are faithful with your tithe, surely there will be ample supply of your own needs. There are many splendid organizations in the Lord's work who will feel the added calls at this time. We hope all are worthy and will receive according to their needs and opportunities. PRAY! Pray! Pray for every one, and give as the Lord leads you. Share your own gift and feel that you are helping every where!

"D" Day has come, for which so many have long waited. God bless your boys through this terrible struggle and bring them home safely. May we all pray that PEACE will soon come. I received a letter recently from one of our faithful prayer partners in Atlanta, Georgia. Surely, she has given freely! She has three sons in the service, and the youngest boy has been "missing in action" since March. Please remember Mrs. Graham and her boys in your prayers.

In the last issue of *The European Harvest Field* we printed a list of our Missionaries both at home and abroad. For copies of this list in calendar form, please send a card with your name and address plainly written, telling us how many you can use.

We have not been able to reach some of our Missionaries for some time, due to war conditions and utter lack of lines of communication between countries. Please do not forget them, dear friends. God is able, and He knows where they are, even though we have lost touch with them. Pray for them faithfully, as well as for the Missionaries whose letters are frequently found in

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the magazine. Gifts sent in for them will be credited to their account and will be ready to send help to them the instant the way becomes clear again. If the war should suddenly cease and peace should come, we would not have funds enough on hand in some of the accounts to aid in their rehabilitation.

As a result of our recent mailing, we are able to say that many letters have been returned, notifying us that our friends have moved or the address is incorrect. Please be sure that your correct address is in our files. Time and postage are wasted when the mail is returned by the post office department. And we request that you send the old address also, to enable us to check our card files.

Several letters have been returned with the single word "deceased" written across the envelope. Both correspondence and frequent material evidence of their faithfulness and personal interest in our Missionaries make us feel as though we are acquainted, and now we have lost a friend. God bless them and their loved ones.

During the next few months we shall attempt to enlarge our list of friends. The simplest way would be for each reader of the magazine to interest a friend in the work, and thus in time we would have twice as many contributing friends as we now have. Oh, how we need them! Our slogan could be: "Each One Tell One." Jesus said, "Go ye into the world and preach the Gospel." It is not possible for *every one* to do that, perhaps, but we can tell others about the work the Missionaries are doing, and sustain these Missionaries as the Lord provides.

May the Lord bless each one of you.

Sincerely yours,

FLORENCE J. MITCHELL.

AT LAST IT HAS HAPPENED

This building at 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City, where we have been located for twenty years or more, is largely occupied by Missionary and other religious organizations. The mail delivered to offices on the twelve large floors is very heavy, with many letters containing gifts,—checks and bills.

If one had a pass key it would be easy to enter some of these offices early, look the mail over and feel for bills. Of course, some mistakes would be made, but these letters could be done away with; but a good guesser might reap quite a harvest of cash. Did this every happen in "156"? Not unitl this year, so far as I know. At last, however, some of the societies began complaining to the postal authorities that mail was missing. Checks which could be traced and adjusted in the bookkeeping failed to arrive.

Decoy letters and a watch by postal authorities soon sprang the trap. An employe of the building was charged with these thefts. There will be a trial soon, and probably a "vacation" for the building employe.

A few of our contributors began asking why no receipt was sent as usual, and said their checks had not been returned. These friends have sent us duplicate checks and have now received their receipt. Of course, we have no means of knowing of the loss until the donor informs us; so if you have failed to receive acknowledgement of your gift, please ask us if we received it. Cash gifts we have always acknowledged, too, but a bill filched from an incoming letter can only be replaced at some one's expense. We wish to trace these missing gifts as far as possible, so as to report to the authorities, but we hope and pray that the total loss to our society will be small. Thanks for your prayers and help.

FLORENCE J. MITCHELL,
Associate Secretary.

A GOOD WORKER AND A LARGE FIELD

Argentine, S. A.
May 9, 1944.

Dear Miss Mitchell:

Will you please excuse me for my delay in answering your letters. The time is flying so swiftly and unnoticed. We thank you very heartily for all your care of us. Both of your letters with enclosed allowances were received promptly. We are very grateful to God and all our friends for the gifts, and are so glad for having this wonderful privilege and being able to work in the Lord's vineyard here at this time.

During these last months we have been very busy holding conferences and special services in different places, and the Lord has blessed us richly. Our annual Worker's Conference in Buenos Aires was especially blessed. The wish was expressed by those attending that we might visit other places near and far off more often, and organize short Bible courses and hold series of revival and edification meetings every where.

We are so thankful to God for the liberty which we enjoy yet here for the preaching and spreading the Gospel news, and we are trying our best to make the most of this wonderful opportunity. I am glad to say that our Young People's Circle of our church in Buenos Aires was able to publish several thousand Russian tracts entitled "Drunkenness Is the Most Evil Enemy." These were spread widely among Slavic emigrants here. May the Lord bless this work richly for His own glory.

Next Sunday we are going to have a special young people's program in Buenos Aires. May the Lord also bless it abundantly. Two of our young men and one girl are attending the Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires. May God help them!

The South American winter time is coming on, with its changeable weather, but also with a good many opportunities for holding meetings in the cities and colonies. Please pray for us, that we may be able to do the best we can for the Lord's glory. With kind regards and best wishes, we remain yours for Him.

JOHN KOVALCHUK.

MISSIONARY LABORS IN HUNGARY

Bustyahaza,
January 24, 1944.

My Dear Brother Stettler:

I have not written you for a long time. Please excuse me for my long silence. Your letter came on January 5th, and I am very happy to know that you think of me and pray for me. May the Lord bless you and reward you for your love.

I could not answer your letter before, because I was busy in our Christmas (Russian Christmas is January 7-9), and after the holidays had to make a trip to my mission field. I had to do the same on the Russian New Year (January 14-16).

I am so glad to write you that our long-awaited guest, Dr. Udaruski, the President of the Baptist Seminary, and a good Christian layman, Brother Alexander Kusti, arrived and spent the days of January 19-24 with us. We visited the churches in Olsloncresnuce, Uglya. In Bustyahaza we held a conference and Bible course for the deacons serving in my Mission field. It was held on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd of January. On the last two days we had also evangelistic

services in Bustyahaza. At these evangelistic services the church building was crowded to capacity. Many non-believers came to hear the Gospel messages, the speakers being the above-mentioned guest preachers.

The deacons' conference was very successful, and had such a good effect that the deacons expressed their desire to have two or three such conferences, lasting three or four days, each year. Of course, it was a very much needed meeting also, for we have not had such meetings in more than five years! We rejoice over the blessings we received during those days. This conference helped my work considerably.

Attached to this letter I send you a report about my work during the year 1943. I should like to know if I could write to you in French, because it is rather difficult for me to find some one here who writes English and German

Rev. and Mrs. John Kovalchuk
Father and Mother of Mrs. Mochar

Rev. and Mrs. John Mochar

well. I have two more requests to make. One is to please send me addresses where I could get Russian Bibles. There is a great need here for Bibles and we can not get Russian Bibles here in Hungary. My other request is that you would please write to me about yourself and your work.

Hoping that everything goes well with you, I wish you God's richest blessing, and I pray that the Lord may still continue to use you for His glory.

Yours in Christ,

JOHN MOCHAR,
Hungary.

(The above letter is from the son-in-law of Rev. John Kovalchuk, of Buenos Aires. In place of the report noted in Brother Mochar's letter, we found only a notice from the Post Office Department, saying: "The enclosure mentioned in this correspondence, 'A Report About My Work,' was found to be missing when the letter was opened by the censor."—*Editor.*)

THE TESTIMONY IN SWITZERLAND

Switzerland, Feb. 19;
Received May, 1944.

Very Dear Friends:

"Blessed are those called that see not and yet believe." So I venture again to write a few lines to let you know that we still live, in case these lines should ever get into your hands. That you have been thinking of us, and have exercised the same faith, the monthly allowances have been proof. Thank you, every one!

It has been a hard and exceedingly busy time, and seems to grow so more and more. I am often standing still just to settle in my own mind the question whether anything more was at all possible. For the present, I have just held six weeks of evangelistic meetings. Last week I was compelled to break the series off because of a violent influenza and fever. I trust I may manage to get up for another series in a week. While resting and "looking up," the weight of my debt to you came to my mind, and so I am typing these lines. Now I should like to tell you something of my activities:

Monday evening at 9:00, meeting for hotel and post office employes.
Tuesday (twice—afternoon and evening), for young men.
Wednesday, Bible and Prayer Hour (Bern).
Thursday, Bible and Prayer Hour (in the village).
Friday, at our own home.
Saturday, Circle for young women of the Commercial School.
Sundays are so precious that the time is split up between six assemblies!

The time in between is spent in visits to the sick, the shut-ins, correspondence, funerals, conferences, etc. Literature work is still in our heart, and only recently 200 Russian Testaments could be sent out. Many thousands of Italian tracts and Gospels have been used. (A glance at the map of Europe will show you that our brother's territory is due north of Italy.)

Although we have often bewailed our lack of gift as an evangelist, the calls to hold series of Gospel meetings seem to come in more and more, so that I might after all develop into an evangelist!

Mrs. Stettler was recently at a conference for women, to help them. During the time of her absence I sought to get the kichen shaped into a place where it should long ago have been pleasant to be. Just now we have much illness all about us. At our home three are ill. Many of the older folks pass on to be with Christ, which IS far better.

Judges 9:14 made a really deep impression on us of late. So it was; so it is. Abimelech is the same like Barabbas — like anti-Christ. We shall be with Jotham, with the man who set his face like a flint to Jerusalem. Ours was the message of the Cross of Christ. May He find us faithful!

Now, writing these lines has made me quite weak. So the Lamb of God is to be the sign and coat-of-arms. The Lord bless you. We are unable to express what your love and your fellowship have meant to us through the years. Greetings from us all. If we never meet down here any more, then over yonder.

FRED AND MARTHA STETTLER.

(The following lines are closer,—truly personal, almost secret, but too valuable as subjects for prayer to be omitted.—*Editor.*)

Very Dear Miss Mitchell:

Just a few personal lines to you. Your monthly gift has been regularly brought to our notice. We can draw a certain amount every month. I have had regular letters from Mr. Kovalchuk's son-in-law. Please greet Mr. Kovalchuk. Mr. Mochar takes care of five churches. He sends now and then letters describing the work he is enabled to do. Mrs. Elfrieda Menetz greets her husband and

thanks him warmly. I just had a letter from her recently. Just a few days ago a post card arrived from Mrs. Ermolinski. She has been very ill. She and the children have long been praying for help to buy the necessary wood! Mr. Faulkner knows her well. I have sought to do the utmost so that they would not suffer, but there are now very strict laws and restrictions on every side. From Villa Laryssa, at Radost, I have not had any letter for a while, but I know that it is filled with refugees and that they seek to pay taxes on the place and manage not to make any debts. God alone knows how we shall ever find it! Trusting you keep well and that these lines will meet you in good time.

Yours truly,

F. STETTLER.

A LOVED SISTER IN THE LORD GOES HOME

St. Petersburg, Fla.,
May 29, 1944.

Dear Miss Mitchell:

Received the enclosed letter from Mr. Johnson, telling of the death of his dear wife. She was a saint, a blessing and a truly gifted woman; also a friend to me in England.

Trust you and Mr. Smith are all right. Much love.

Yours,

JEAN RHODE.

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1 Approach Road, Dane Park, Margate, Kent
April 25, 1944.

Dear Sister in Him:

At last my beloved wife has gone, "called of God" on March 30th. She desired to go, longing for "home" and to see her Lord in His beauty. Letters are pouring in from all parts. She was loved by a multitude. Oh, what a life! lived entirely for *others*.

Pray for me. I need His grace for power and victory. We are going ON as she wished, and shall help the A. E. F. workers all we can. Tell Miss Mitchell and also thank her for the magazine sent. Tell her we will do all in our power to help their work. Mr. Palmer's messages to us are still abiding in our hearts. May He bless you more and more for souls. Yours till He comes.

F. SPENCER JOHNSON.

MAKE TIME TO PRAY

"No time to pray!" How sad the thought:
What gross dishonor here is brought
To Jesus Christ, Who died to save,
And for us all His Life He gave!

"No time to pray," we often hear.
Oh, stop this lie! and persevere;
Make time to pray, and you will know
His Presence with you where you go.

"No time to pray; there's so much work."
So we Communion this way shirk,
And opportunities go past,
For which we must account at last.

O Child of God, make time to pray,
And go apart with Him each day.
Thus only can you render Him
A joy which never will grow dim.

Watch and pray, watch and pray,
And cheer some weary heart each day.
This was the Blessed Saviour's way.
He'll give you wisdom what to say:
Watch and pray, watch and pray;
Go, seek for some who've gone astray.

Margaret Spencer Johnson.

Occupy Until . . .

"He that winneth souls is wise" and "Occupy until I come" are Scripture verses vividly before us today. Missionaries forced home by the terrible present war, and new candidates for the field, should not despair of occupation in the quest for souls. For the very people of other lands whom our Missionaries have been sent out to evangelize are well represented in America.

Our foreign Missionaries are steadily occupied in bringing the lost to Christ, working among the groups of people whom they were expecting to serve or had been serving in their own native lands. These national groups comprise Albanians, Bulgarians, Czechoslovakians, Italians, Jews and numerous others. It may be surprising to our readers to know how many of these foreign peoples are being won to the Lord by the presentation of the Gospel of divine grace. The trophies of infinite grace will be many at the day of reckoning.

Many stories of Missionary interest here in America could be told. Here is one fresh from the experiences of one of these foreign-home Missionaries of the cross. Recently God was pleased to give us a part in evangelizing laborers among 15,000 Italo-Americans residing in Kansas City, Mo., where the Spirit of the Lord was manifestly present. Twenty precious souls were soon gathered from among this group, mostly adults and heads of families, to the praise of His matchless Name. These new recruits for Christ show a real sympathy for their people in Europe. Awaiting a turn in events which will enable them to alleviate the dire poverty and suffering prevailing there, men past middle age are purposing not only to help re-build homes on the ruins where they were born or raised, but they will also spread the Gospel light which alone can dispel the gloom and cause the shadows to flee away.

The eight weeks spent in this mid-western city gave me an opportunity to also do some deputation work and to speak in several churches and in the Kansas City Bible College, of which Dr. Walter L. Wilson is the president. Here I met one young woman who is preparing to go back as a Missionary to her own people. Our chief concern, however, was to point those benighted souls still steeped in idolatry to the Saviour Jesus Christ, Who alone can cure the ills of this world.

This venture in evangelism was planned by Dr. J. B. Bisceglia, pastor of Christ Presbyterian Church of that city. Our people in the main still speak the old-country language, and it was refreshing what a fine group of them worship God in Spirit and in Truth. The bulk of this assembly of Italians still grope in the darkness of Romanism, but we found many of them ready to hear the claims of Christ over their lives and to at least consider the gracious offer of eternal life through the finished work on Calvary. These were approached directly and graciously right in their own homes, presenting to them the Word of God and making the way of salvation clear and plain.

We could not expect them to be attracted to a new place and manner of worship at once, due to old prejudices and faulty teaching, by which they are certainly hindered. But we found many of them ready to hear the claims of Jesus Christ. We were able to make nearly fifty such really welcome contacts weekly. Our use of the Pauline method of "house to house" proved really effective and fruitful. It seemed really hopeless to attempt the initial contact in either church or evangelistic meetings. Have they not been taught from infancy that entering into a Protestant Church constitutes a mortal sin? Enough to damn them!

A most profitable case was the conversion of a man about 59 years old, who had married a widow woman of the Evangelical Church. He was keeping her out of the denominational meetings, together with her relatives, so that it ap-

peared that four adults were kept from church on his account. And this ever since their union about a year ago. With another worker of the Church we went to see this man. Prayerfully we presented the Way of Life in Christ to him. He seemed to agree with everything we read to him out of the Scripture, but a cutting loose from worldly entanglements seemed to be out of the question.

The man's last excuse for not coming was that the Church was out of the way and no direct transportation to the place was available. He was asked the question: "How far did our Lord come to seek and save the lost?" To which his face lighted up and he said: "And to think a man has come all the way from Chicago to bring me to Christ!" We asked if he was coming, to which he answered: "Yes, even if it takes a cab to do it!"

And sure enough, in a cab he came, but not alone, for every time he came, —seven Sunday evenings while I was there,—he had a cab full of people. He almost forced himself on the church for membership, and on the second Sunday he came he confessed Christ in his double manner of baptism and uniting with the visible Church. In this his wife followed him. That there was rejoicing in that congregation is to put it mildly. Many of the members came to greet the new comer, and some with a holy kiss. He testified that he was guilty of all the sins of the world except robbery.

Having a winning personality, in the short period since his conversion he had set himself to win to Christ all his friends. He brought me to a few of them, and two at least yielded to the Lord by his direct appeal. He showed unusual zeal for the cause of Christ. There were not enough times available to have the Evangelist in his home for meals, but the main purpose was to invite others to his home to hear the Word of God through the visiting preacher.

I firmly believe that this man will prove a valiant soldier of Jesus Christ and a soul winner of unusual ability. May God bless Pastor Bisceglia and his loyal people and help them to reach these Italo-Americans for Christ and true and lasting freedom.

(Rev.) A. F. SCORZA.

OUR MISSIONARY IN THE HOLY LAND

Tel Aviv, Palestine,
April 28, 1944

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you kindly for my cabled allowance, which came through on the 16th of March. May the Lord bless all those dear faithful people at home! He is faithful!

I have been very busy nursing in the home of Moody students here in Haifa for the last two months. The mother and her baby son died. She was known back in her school days as Rose Rothblatt. Her little ten-year-old daughter came down with the measles during her vacation. Today we are both released from quarantine. She will go to her father's home, and I go to Tel Aviv this afternoon.

Before I came to Haifa a large new shipment of Bibles and tracts came from the Colportage at Moody Bible Institute. They are greatly appreciated by all who receive them. The young girls are delighted with the books of Christian stories. A friend sends the little magazine, "The King's Business," and this is also enjoyed by many. A Jewish doctor asks for "Our Hope." He says it is the most enlightening and sane of all the Christian periodicals produced.

Our weather is hotter today than your August days, for the wind is an east one. I do not hear of your health. I trust you are very well this year.

Sincerely yours,

JANE HALEY.

THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER

Teacher—The Lord Jesus, Luke 11:1. ("Lord teach us to pray.")

Scholars—Every Believer, Rom. 8:26.

"We"—Paul includes himself—"Know not how to pray as we ought" (margin).

LESSON NUMBER ONE

Let us now "Break up" this petition that He may teach us to discover some of its hidden worth and magnitude—Matt. 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4.

1. "Our" (my) *possession*—richest, Ps. 63:1 and Ps. 18:2. "My God"—"My Fortress." David's protection against Saul's 3,000 picked soldiers, 1 Sam. 24 and 26. Instead David found Saul in each case—the irony of Providence!

2. "Father"—*person*—supreme, Matt. 11:25. "Lord of Heaven and Earth." "The court of Heaven *vs.* the Court of St. James—the requirements are presented to that Throne."

3. "Heaven"—*perpendicular*—straight up, *not* horizontal for the ears or the appreciation of others, 1 Cor. 2:11. Heaven—Think of the unspeakable grandeur of the place to which your petition is directed.

4. "Hallowed"—*Praise*—continual, Ps. 50:23. "I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth," Ps. 34:1.

5. "Kingdom"—*permanent—Government*, Dan. 2:44, Luke 1:32-33. Not by the consent of the people, Ps. 2:6.

6. "Will"—*precious*—the best things for all of us, 1 John 2:17. "He that doeth the will of God abideth forever." On Moody's Tombstone, the secret of his life.

7. "Give"—*Provider*—Most generous, Matt. 6:26. "Your Heavenly Father feedeth them, are ye not much better?" Ps. 136:25, "Who giveth food to all flesh."

8. "Sins"—*perfect*—standing, 2 Cor. 5:21. Clothed with the Righteousness of God, Rom. 3:22, yet still in the *presence* of sin. Gal. 5:17. Daily confession maintains fellowship.

9. "Deliver"—*precarious*—position, 1 Cor. 10:12 and 9:27. "A castaway." Fallen Preachers, Beecher, Mills, the Minister who baptized me, for years denied the Lord, and died an infidel.

10. "Power—*power*—unlimited, Matt. 28:18. When I am (consciously) weak, then am I strong," 2 Cor. 12:10. Phil 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ."

11. "Glory—*panoply*—Ps. 19:1. "According to the riches of His glory," Eph. 3:16. Isa. 42:8, "My glory will I not give to another."

12.—"Forever"—*perpetual*—Ps. 119:89, eternal life and joy and peace.—God's love guaranteed, Jer. 31:2, "Everlasting."

13. "Postcript—*plentitude*—John 16:23 and 24, "In My Name," "That your joy may be full," Jer. 33:3.

The Substance of the Lord's Prayer is a Mine of Spiritual Treasure.

—Bishop T. C. Ryle.

Yes, this is Lesson No. 1. But listen! The other twelve you may work out for yourself, as follows:

No. 2—"Possessing God." Gather together on one page the many Passages with "My," "Mine" and "Your" in them. "Your Heavenly Father knoweth." Matt. 6:32.

No. 3—"The Supreme Person"—"That I may know Him." Phil. 3:10. Search out the Divine Attributes. For instance, Isa. 40.

No. 4—"Our Heavenly Home"—What the Bible tells us about it. And so on with each topic, a separate page for each lesson.

As a further development add to each topic following, on a separate sheet, an appropriate hymn, as for instance, "My Jesus, I love Thee; I know Thou art mine;" or "I know my Heavenly Father knows, The storms that would my way oppose." And, last of all, on typewritten sheets, the "Great Prayers and Answers of the Bible," in your words, all nicely bound together and with a substantial cover. Entitle it "My Prayer Book." You will have done nearly all the work yourself, and found a great blessing in collecting this material. When completed, have it around where folks can see it. You will probably be surprised at the good results that may follow. Turn to it yourself occasionally for comfort and inspiration. We will be happy to hear from you.

DR. GEORGE H. DOWKONTT, *Superintendent.*

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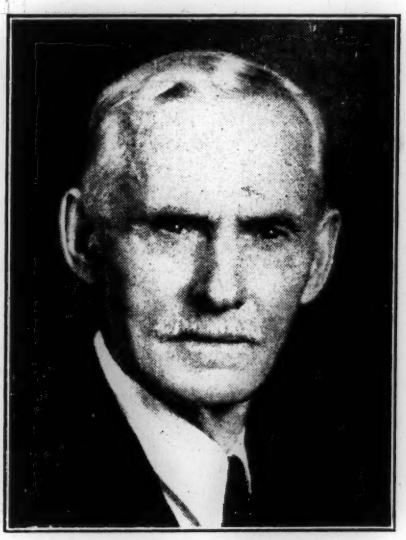
STILL A MISSIONARY AT EIGHTY-SEVEN



Word has been received here of the death of the Rev. Francis A. McGaw on April 17 in Nairobi, Kenya Colony, Africa. His age was 87.

Born in Evanston, Illinois, he was ordained as a minister in the Presbyterian Church in 1886. After serving various churches in this country, Mr. McGaw in recent years became a Missionary abroad, first in Poland, and for the past five years in Africa.

Surviving are a son, Foster G. McGaw, of Evanston, Ill., and three daughters, Miss Frances McGaw of Boston, Miss Agatha McGaw of South Orange, N. J., and Mrs. Russell T. Branch, of Manhasset, L. I.

From a 1942 number of *The European Harvest Field* we repeat the following: "Rev. Frank A. McGaw labors faithfully in Africa, despite his 85 years of age. His prayer is that a revival in Africa may come soon. Let us join our prayers with those of our brother. Word has reached us that he is undergoing treatments for his eyes. Please pray with us that his sight may improve."

On his eightieth birthday Mr. McGaw was on the ship Batory on his way to East Africa, where he had since resided and labored for the Lord. About three years ago Mr. McGaw was contemplating a trip down into Tanganyika, south of Lake Victoria. He was then distributing Scripture portions in English, French, Polish, Swahili and Hebrew in two hospitals and on the streets of Nairobi. Six months later, when his children offered to buy him a ticket from Mombasa to New York and home, he cabled them, "Sorry; not yet." He was the author of that valuable book, "Praying Hyde," which has done so much to change the prayer life of Christians everywhere.

Burial was in East Africa.

A SOLDIER'S COMMENT

Company Day Room,
April 25, 1944

Dear Christian Friends:

Enclosed are two dollars for the work of the Fellowship. Thank you for the Easter message. Of particular Missionary interest are the training films we see from week to week in the army, on different scenes and places around the continent. Two on Russia are particularly pertinent, in view of their suddenly prominent world position and their enormous Missionary field.

What steps they have taken during these past ten years to lift themselves out of a political, financial and spiritual morass, apparently succeeding in our time. Still it remains the largest Caucasian race on the globe and largely without the Gospel. What a comparison can be drawn between it and the U. S. A. regarding the Gospel! What will the future hold as to their two respective positions?

Will our policy now be enlarged of necessity to international scope, with a sea-borne U.S.A. — U.S.S.R. commerce in proportion to our producing power and their tremendous rate of absorption? Will that expansion and their fellowship with us result in an enlarging Evangelical Church, in which our Missionaries will be invited to join?

The sad alternative for us would be our stagnation and death inside our own borders, losing even the frontiers within our own walls! I know One Who knows. He has it in His power to build up or to destroy. My fear is that unless we turn to God in sincere repentance, seeking His forgiveness for our sins, America may yet lose her greatness and become like so many other countries in the world's history.

But this is temporal. A vision of the Cross and the One crucified there will carry with it the needed faith and grace to minister eternal things to never-dying souls. Pray for me, that I may with Paul know Christ and Him crucified and risen. May God bless your continued efforts.

Sincerely,

P.F.C. WALTON UNANDER.

(Our readers are asked to pray for this dear Christian soldier, that he may be preserved in health and that his own testimony may be fruitful.—*Editor*)

MORE TRACTS AND TESTIMONY IN PALESTINE

Tel Aviv, Palestine, May 22.
Received June 13, 1944.

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you kindly for my cabled allowance, which came through on the 21st. I noticed you had sent it on the 11th. An air mail letter which cost $1.40 took three months to get to me from Chicago. Such good news as it contained! A young Chinese boy was saved, and just through hearing his bright testimony a young man, a Bible student, came to know Jesus as his Saviour.

Moody Church is free from debt.

Two large packages of tracts came from Moody Bible Institute this last week. These tracts are for soldiers. Surely it is a joy to tell of Jesus and His power to save all who put their trust in Him. I have been having some very good blessings lately. Now I'll send you another letter soon after the Hebrew Christian Alliance of this week. April's "Our Hope" came yesterday.

I appreciate all your faithful praying and care for me from all you faithful ones.

Sincerely yours,

JANE HALEY.

JEAN RHODE BLESSED WITH A CAR AND DRIVER!

St. Petersburg, Fla.,
May 20, 1944

Dear Friend:

For some time request was made to God for a means of calling upon the Jewish people of our city and its widely spread out areas more efficiently. Until now visitation work in their homes has been possible only as strength was imparted to walk the many blocks, sometimes thirty or more, in the blistering sun, which is really extreme here in Florida from April to November. Now our prayers have been answered and a car in fairly good condition has been placed at my service. Words are insufficient for adequate praise and thanksgiving to the Lord for this gracious answer to our prayers. Some things are still needed, but He Who has begun this good work will surely complete it.

Already good service is being rendered with the car. Recently in answer to continued prayer a 57-mile trip to Tampa was made possible, with the granting of ration coupons and provision of a Christian woman driver. A number of calls were made in Tampa. We were conscious of the Lord's presence all day long. He guided us on strange roads and in unfamiliar places, and also prepared to interest His own.

The result was that four of those visited accepted New Testaments; others took different portions of Scripture. Some were open to discussion, and one graciously responded by granting our request for an up-to-date list of the Jewish people in that city. Surely this list increases our responsibility. We ask that you be much in prayer with us for the success of this ministry.

We managed to send out about 300 Passover letters to these people during the Passover season, and have been praying for the fruitage as a result of the seed-sowing. Our little prayer group contributed for the postage, and one dear young woman addressed the envelopes. Our small group has met faithfully throughout the fall and winter months and has had the privilege of contributing more than $50 since the first of this year to our dear work in Palestine. A few of us still meet and pray that dear Jane Haley may soon have the rooms in Tel Aviv which she so greatly needs as a Bible teaching center.

By His grace and enabling I am getting on nicely with my driving instructions. I have already driven considerable distances with my good instructress at my side, and hope soon to have the necessary license to enable me to drive alone. Do pray for this, and for our safety; also for the up-keep of the car. It is a splendid help in getting around, especially to the out-of-the-way places. Homes not heretofore reached have now been visited. On a recent day ten calls were made, all but one in distant places, and some with good results, I trust. Do let us pray together to that end. Lovingly yours in His blessed service.

JEAN RHODE.

"RETURNED" MISSIONARY KEEPS BUSY

Portland, Oregon.

Dear Praying Friends:

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," and we are praising Him for what He has done this past year in Portland. I confess that He has exceeded my expectations, and would have done far more if I had been able to devote my full time to His service.

We have sent out several thousands of tracts to Jewish people this past year, and now we are sending out each month a thousand "Messengers of Good Will." Please pray that the Lord will use these tracts as they go out, for there is little personal response as yet among these busy people.

Bibles and Testaments have also been given out as opportunities opened. I was speaking at a church on a recent evening and a young fellow told me of a

Jewish friend. He said that it would be impossibe to work with him, but I gave him a Testament for the Jewish boy and got his address. Through reading the Testament and our correspondence the young fellow professed Christ! God honors His Word as we give it out. Please pray for this young man, because most of his associates are Roman Catholics and they, too, are working with him. Pray that the Lord will open his eyes through the Word and will keep him as a witness to His glory.

Please pray also that contacts may be made with these people, and that courage and wisdom may be given as contacts open blind eyes. I know that the Lord will work as we all pray together. So "Brethren, pray for us," and the Lord will answer. Thanks for all your faithful support. May He reward you richly. In Him.

KARL FAULKNER.

INQUIRY REGARDING POST-WAR PLANS

Pine City, Minnesota,

American-European Fellowship,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York.
Dear Sirs:

The Lord has laid on my heart the European field. I am interested, therefore, in finding out what I can about the established Missions that have workers in Europe and also about post-war plans of the different groups. Is there, or was there before the war, any Bible Institute in Central Europe for training German-speaking students in Christian work? Or do you know of any plans for starting such a school, the Lord willing, after the war? Any information that you can give me will be appreciated, and I should like to be placed on your regular mailing list. Yours sincerely in Christ.

ALFRED MARTIN, Th. M.

Dear Brother:

We would gladly supply the information asked for in your letter, but there is so little that is stable and substantial throughout the countries of Europe now that truthfully stated details of organized Christian effort there are few and far apart. Our own Gentile and Jewish Mission centers in Europe have been blasted and our Sunday Schools closed. What we have left is the work of individual Missionary and native workers, beginning again where they labored for many years in the past. Even now plans for the future are subject to the outcome of the war,—dates and victors.

Having sent us the gift as indicated by the enclosed receipt,—we are grateful,—you will receive our bi-monthly magazine, *The European Harvest Field*. From this you may build for yourself pictures of future Europe, both materially and spiritually. You will notice that our good Missionaries are mostly stationed in other centers where people of the same nationality and language are trying anew to create homes and business connections. The Gospel is being preached to them as before, and with the Lord's blessing.

Certainly there were Bible institute centers in Europe for the training of German-speaking students; and there will be again as soon as possible after the ban is lifted. Plans may be in the making even now, in faith alone, but these may not be revealed. Possibly the writers for our magazine will mention as soon as anyone the news that comes from their friends and relatives in Europe regarding the future. We have a good place in Poland where the Bible was taught to Christians, and Hebrews, Russians, Poles and others. It is reported to be now full of refugees; how soon and how certainly we can begin there again no one knows now. Cordially and sincerely yours,

NORMAN J. SMITH.

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